NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL MEETING

POTENTIAL ECONOMIC RECOVERY FUNDING January 9, 2009, 10 a.m.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

TO: Wastewater Systems, Large Public Water Systems, Public Works and Consultants

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Early in 2009, the US Congress is widely expected to enact legislation for an economic stimulus package. A portion of the economic recovery funds may be available for "shovel ready" wastewater and drinking water projects through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Programs. There may also be funding available through the Department of Environmental Services for stormwater and brownfields projects.

The NH Department of Environmental Service **invites you to attend an information meeting on January 9, 2009, at 10 a.m., in the DES Auditorium at 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, N.H.** The purpose of this informational meeting is to update all stake holders on the status of the potential economic recovery funds and to briefly outline a timeline for implementation of this program in New Hampshire. Be advised, this is in anticipation of Congress adopting an economic recovery package in early January with an expectation that states would have funds committed in a very short timeframe (possibly 60-120 days).

Because it is unlikely that all the details and requirements associated with this funding will be clear by January 9, DES has also tentatively scheduled a follow-up meeting on February 6 at 10 a.m. in the Auditorium at 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, N.H. The purpose of this meeting will be to explain the specific requirements and funding application process for each project type. Confirmation of this meeting and an agenda will be distributed a week before the meeting.

In anticipation of this economic stimulus package, DES is encouraging potential funding recipients to identify projects that could be ready-to-proceed in 2009. It is our goal to keep you informed and to provide necessary information in time for warrant articles, etc, should this funding materialize.

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